

Beach Cities Watershed Management Group Meeting
November 10, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Raul Saenz (City of MB), Geraldine Trivedi (City of RB), Kristy Morris (City of Hermosa Beach), John Dettle (City of Torrance), Chien Pei (Mark) Yu (CalTrans), Maria Augustine (CalTrans), TJ Moon (LACFCD), Kathleen McGowan (McGowan Consulting), Susan Robinson (McGowan Consulting)

1. Approval of minutes – minutes approved for both September and October 2015 meetings
2. CIMP
 - a. CIMP Implementation RFP
 - i. Proposals are due 11/10/15
 - ii. Costs outlined in proposals will be used to revise the MOU cost tables so that cities can have estimated costs to provide to City attorneys
 - iii. Distribution of proposals for review
 1. MB will send out electronic copies ASAP and will send out notice to cities when hard copies are ready and for pick up or delivery
 - b. MOU for City Attorneys
 - i. Torrance needs costs in order for City Attorney to review the MOU
 1. Cost estimates will be prepared based on CIMP Implementation proposals
 2. The WMG will review proposals and come to an agreement on which costs to use to prepare MOU cost tables
 3. Torrance is aiming to bring MOU to City Council on Dec. 15
 - ii. RB has sent MOU to Attorneys and will aim to bring the MOU to City Council on Dec 15
 - iii. HB has not yet submitted MOU to City Attorney, but will send it out ASAP
 - iv. The Group agreed to an interim meeting to discuss proposal review and come to a consensus on which proposal should be used for cost sharing estimates, and whether interviews of the responding firms are necessary
 1. Meeting scheduled for Tuesday December 1, 2015, 10am-12
 - c. Budget for Watershed Coordination
 - i. McGowan Consulting brought up concerns about Watershed Coordination budget and group agreed to increase budget to \$80,000/year
 - d. Exxon Mobil and Caltrans
 - i. Caltrans wants to join the CIMP Implementation MOU based on their 1% percentage share in watershed
 1. Group agreed that this percentage does not justify the extra costs which will be required to include them

2. Group agrees that minimum fee they would accept is 5% of CIMP costs and also that Caltrans would need to bear the cost of amending the MOU
 3. Caltrans is meeting with upper management in the next few days to clear up what they need for their TMDLs and to discuss their threshold costs for participation
- ii. Exxon Mobil
 1. Their permit requires sediment borne sampling at the outfall to the Torrance Lateral and the Beach Cities CIMP doesn't include this type of monitoring in this location
 2. Exxon Mobil needs to research whether our CIMP meets their permit requirements
 3. Group agreed to leave the CIMP Implementation MOU as is (without Exxon Mobil included) and figure out how to incorporate them later if they come back and want to participate
- e. Screening of outfalls
 - i. McGowan Consulting needs the results of outfall screenings
 1. RB – both rounds
 2. 2nd round from MB
 3. Torrance for Dominguez Channel
 - ii. 25% of the significantly flowing drains need to be investigated by Dec. 2015
 1. Group is initiating investigation by this deadline by working toward hiring a CIMP Implementation contractor
 2. The two high priority outfalls that will be investigated during initial round are Herondo and Torrance Lateral
3. MS4 Annual Reports
 - a. McGowan Consulting sent out a draft of the Watershed Summary and the Herondo Subwatershed Summary for the group's review
 - i. Each agency should attach the Watershed Summary to its annual report
 - ii. The Herondo Summary can also be included in the annual reports
 1. Each city can customize the narrative and include it in their annual report
 2. Geomean dry weather was over allowable exceedances, dry weather exceedances were over allowable exceedance days too
 - a. There was discussion regarding whether the dry weather geomean compliance targets were in effect
4. J5&6 Monitoring
 - a. Bacteria levels have been spiking during the last 2 months since Hyperion moved its 5 mile outfall to 1 mile
 - b. Total coliform exceedances are all over the Santa Monica Bay
 - c. City of LA data from monitoring is being sent via email and Kathleen receives this data along with Nancy Wong/Redondo Beach

- d. The water temperature has also been warmer and this is associated with exponential growth of bacteria (every 1 degree increase in water temperature is correlated to a 10 fold increase in bacteria)
 - e. Hyperion has relocated its pipeline back to the 5-mile point
- 5. EWMP
 - a. Regional Board Workshop
 - i. RB staff presented an overview of EWMPs, there was a panel discussion on costs with Rich Watson and Ken Farfsing, and a technical panel on modelling, the NGOs spoke and the EWMP groups spoke
 - b. EWMP revisions
 - i. The group discussed the scope of responding to comments on the EWMP
 - 1. Group agreed not to respond to NGO comments but only to respond to RB comments
 - ii. Adding Machado Lake into EWMP
 - 1. Machado Lake Implementation Plan is at the RB and Torrance is waiting on comments
 - 2. Costs for including Machado Lake into the EWMP were very high
 - a. Group agreed to leave Machado Lake out of the EWMP and respond to the RB comment regarding this by referencing the separate Machado Lake Implementation Plan that was already submitted
 - iii. The RB's financial strategy comment is common to all the EWMP groups, so LA County suggested that the Beach Cities WMG coordinate with what other groups are doing
 - 1. Topic should be discussed at the EWMP Coordinators Meeting on Nov. 18th
- 6. LA Permit Group meeting
 - a. EWMP project incorporation into LA IRWMP
 - i. In order to qualify for Prop 1 funding, we have to be referenced in the IRWMP
 - ii. LA County is working on a way to quickly upload our EWMP projects into the IRWMP database
 - b. IGP non-filers
 - i. The RB wants cities to modify their business license procedures to catch Industrial sites that have failed to get coverage under the Statewide Industrial General Permit
 - 1. Most cities are treating this as a request and not a requirement
 - c. TAC-Annual Report
 - i. This TAC will reconvene meeting in November to set up annual report requirements for 2016
 - d. Planned special meeting in January dedicated to funding
- 7. Grant – Prop 1
 - a. Upcoming Coastal Conservancy funding is specifically for anadromous fish (Dec)

- b. The March solicitation will be relevant and Blaise and Associates has submitted a \$6,471 proposal to prepare the grant application with the support of Geosyntec
 - i. Group agreed to ask for grant money for the design of 2 priority projects (includes CEQA, field studies) within this grant application
 - ii. 100% design – Manhattan Beach Infiltration Trench (28th Street storm drain) is one, Greenbelt in Hermosa (Herondo storm drain) is the other
- 8. Next Meeting Dec. 8 10am-12 and interim meeting Dec. 1, 10am-12 for review of RFPs

Action Items

- 1. McGowan consulting will prepare a scoring sheet for RFP review and distribute to the WMG by COB Thursday.
- 2. Redondo Beach will send out invite for interim meeting to go over the CIMP implementation proposals.
- 3. Caltrans will define what they need and submit a proposal for participation to the group after meeting with management.
- 4. Torrance will conduct outfall screening of Dominguez Channel outfalls and Torrance Lateral @ headwaters
- 5. LA County will verify whether we need to meet dry weather geomean now or until 2021
- 6. HB will provide date when the Hyperion outfall was moved back out to 5 miles
- 7. RB will check to see if they can use leftover Geosyntec budget to fund Prop 1 grant application